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121st COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported; Results: 27 of 747 Test Positive for COVID-19; GFD Dispatcher Tests Positive for COVID-19; Exemption Request From Government Quarantine Must Be Made Online

121st COVID-19-Related Fatality Reported

The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 121st COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) on December 22, 2020 at approximately 11:16 a.m. The patient was a 66-year-old male with underlying conditions. He was admitted to GMH on December 3, 2020 and a known positive case.

"With each passing, we are reminded that nothing gold can stay. While his parting leaves an island in grief, his memory will live in the hearts of those who knew him. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our deepest condolences and sympathies to his family and friends," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero.

Results: 27 New Cases of COVID-19

Twenty-seven (27) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of **747** tests performed on Monday, December 21, 2020. **Five (5)** cases were identified through contact tracing. **One (1)** case reported recent travel history and were identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **7,238** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **121** deaths, **449** cases in active isolation and **6,668** not in active isolation.

TODAY'S CAR SCORE

1.6

The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths.

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Tuesday, December 22 and reflects results from Monday, December 21:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT	TOTAL	NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES:	7,238	27	89
CONFIRMED CASES:	7,066	25	78
PROBABLE CASES:	172	2	11

COVID-19 TESTING ON GUAM	TOTAL	NEW TESTS REPORTED TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	99,082	747	4.5%
MOLECULAR TESTS	93,870	473	4.6%
ANTIGEN TEST	5,212	274	3.6%
SEROLOGY TESTS	321	0	100%

CASE BREAKDOWN			
STATUS	TOTAL	CURRENT ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL
COVID-19 Death	121	Hospital	23
Active Isolation	449	Home	391
Not In Isolation	6,668	Isolation Facility	31
Civilian	6,909	Military	4
Military Service Member	329		

COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS	Guam Memorial Hospital	Guam Regional Medical City	U.S. Naval Hospital	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	20	3	0	23
IN ICU	6	2	0	8
ON VENTILATOR	4	2	0	6

GFD Dispatcher Tests Positive for COVID-19

On Monday, a Guam Fire Department (GFD) Emergency Medical Dispatcher began feeling ill while on duty at the E911 Center. The individual was tested that same day and the results came back positive for COVID-19. As per the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) guidelines, mandatory isolation for the employee was required.

After immediate sanitization of the individual's workstation, the relocation of the E911 Center and personnel to the Guam Fire Department (GFD) headquarters was initiated. This temporary relocation was necessary to allow the GFD decontamination team to conduct a thorough decontamination of the entire space, equipment, and appliances. As of Tuesday morning, all decontamination measures were completed and normal operations have been restored.

Although employees at the E911 Center have been wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines while on duty, other dispatchers on duty with the positive member have been instructed to quarantine at home until testing can be performed on Saturday.

Exemption Request From Government Quarantine Must Be Made Online

DPHSS reminds all critical services workers, essential healthcare professionals, and passengers with medical emergencies seeking restriction of movement or exemptions from the Government of Guam Quarantine Facility following off-island travel to submit their requests online at dphss.guam.gov/quarantine. Requests must be submitted at least 10 days prior to arrival. DPHSS reviews requests in the order in which they are received and will only review requests submitted online.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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